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Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
New Jersey Department of Transportation,  
New Jersey Transit Corporation,  
and the New Jersey State Planning Commission

The New Jersey State Planning Commission (hereinafter the Commission) adopted New Jersey's first State Development and Redevelopment Plan (hereinafter the Plan) on June 12, 1992. Governor Jim Florio hailed the Plan as a "landmark consensus-building process between citizens and all levels of government"; and directed all State agencies to make recommendations as to the ways that the Plan should be implemented, using that review as an "opportunity to reduce, clarify or simplify regulatory requirements where possible."

In accordance with this directive, the Commission and the New Jersey Department of Transportation and New Jersey Transit Corporation (hereinafter the Department and NJ TRANSIT) agree to cooperatively endeavor to implement the Plan.

Moreover, the Commission and the Department and NJ TRANSIT agree that their joint endeavors to implement the Plan will focus on encouraging growth and development at locations and in patterns recommended by the strategies and policies contained in the Plan; and in ways that will also simultaneously encourage the accomplishment of the missions of the Department and NJ TRANSIT and achievement of legal mandates for the Department and NJ TRANSIT to meet the State's mobility needs and Clean Air Act requirements.

Furthermore, the Commission, the Department, and NJ TRANSIT hereby agree to jointly issue a report in December 1993 and each December thereafter. The report shall include a list of accomplishments that support the implementation of the Plan with an initial emphasis on the items listed below.

The Department and NJ TRANSIT hereby agree to cooperate with the Commission to do the following to implement the Plan:

- 1) Promote collaborative data base development and the exchange of information between the agencies, and establish appropriate institutional mechanisms to ensure that data base development and the exchange of information occur, particularly emphasizing compatibility of data among GIS platforms.

- 2) Support the Office of State Planning in the fulfillment of its statutory responsibilities with respect to its planning activities, including, but not necessarily limited to, the legislative mandated infrastructure needs assessment and monitoring and evaluation program. Include procedures to encourage such support at the earliest possible phases of planning and assessment.
- 3) Establish policies to facilitate the development of "centers" and to encourage development in ways consistent with the policy objectives of the "planning areas" constituting the "Resource and Management Structure" of the Plan. Also, improve the coordination of planning, monitoring, investment, and regulatory activities of the Department and NJ TRANSIT to achieve those purposes.
- 4) Participate with the Office of State Planning in its review and assessment of the functional plans of the Department such as the State Transportation Plan, the State Airport Systems Plan, and the State Rail Plan and those of NJ TRANSIT and encourage mutual participation on advisory bodies related to policy and plan development.

Furthermore, it is hereby acknowledged by the Commission, the Department, and NJ TRANSIT, that the Plan is a policy guide. The principles embodied in the Plan outline the central development issues to be addressed by the Department and NJ TRANSIT in conjunction with their primary state and federal mandates.

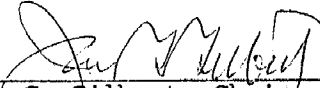
Finally, the Department and NJ TRANSIT will consider appropriate modifications to procedures, policies, programming, and/or regulations in ways that would facilitate the implementation of the Plan. Examples of such consideration of appropriate modifications to procedures, policies, and/or regulations include: (1) continuing to investigate modifications to the State Highway Access Code to better further the goals of the Plan, (2) assuring that New Jersey's Statewide Transportation Plan's goals, policies, and strategies are consistent with and supportive of those of the Plan, (3) providing appropriate coordination between the Statewide Transportation Plan and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program with the Regional Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs of the state's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), particularly in view of the increased role in transportation planning assigned to the MPOs by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, and (4) providing assistance to the MPOs in modifying their regional transportation planning policies and procedures to encourage consistency of their transportation plans and programs with the goals and policies of the Plan. However, both the Department, NJ TRANSIT, and the Commission hereby acknowledge the

interactive and dynamic nature of the State Planning cross-acceptance process that may very well result in changes in either or both the Plan and/or procedures, policies, and/or regulations of the Department and NJ TRANSIT.



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New Jersey Department of  
Transportation and Chairman of  
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Corporation

Date: 29 June 93



James G. Gilbert, Chair  
New Jersey State Planning  
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